

# News Release

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## **Request For Any Additional Witnesses to Officer Involved Shooting**

In an effort to make sure that any and all eyewitnesses to the events that took place on Monday, July 10, 2017 on Penn Shop Road just off of RT 27 in Mt. Airy have been interviewed, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is asking anyone that may have witnessed any portion of the event or may have additional information for our investigators to evaluate to please call **Detective Richard Balsley** at **301-600-7122** or our **TIP line at 301-600-4131**.

Additionally, investigators are interested in speaking to the individual witnesses said was operating an orange vehicle on Penn Shop Road at the time of the incident and may have information for investigators to evaluate. The Sheriff's Office is always greatly appreciative of information we receive from the public regardless of the individual's belief in its worth to investigators, so we encourage anyone with information to give us a call.

## **Howard County Police Officers Involved in Shooting Identified**

The identities and duty assignments of the officers involved in the shooting on July 10, 2017, in Mt. Airy, MD are:

Corporal Thomas Townsend  
16 year member of Howard County Police Department  
**Current Assignment:** Repeat Offender Proactive Enforcement Unit

Police Officer First Class Darshan Luckey  
10 year member of Howard County Police Department  
**Current assignment:** Repeat Offender Proactive Enforcement Unit

The investigation is continuing and we do not anticipate any additional information being released today.

### **Follow Up to Officer Involved Shooting. Release of suspect information.**

Deceased: Codey Ethan Mitchell W/M 26, Damascus, MD.

Unharmed: Shyann Brandi-Dawn Outen W/F 28, Woodbine, MD

Cody Mitchell's body has been transported to the Office of the State Medical Examiner's Office in Baltimore for an autopsy. Mr. Mitchell's family has been notified.

Shyann Outen was taken to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center Central Booking Facility and charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Burglary and Theft between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for the burglary that occurred on July 10, 2017 in the 13200 blk of Manor Drive South. Ms. Outen is being held without bond awaiting a bond review hearing today at 1pm.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

### **Officer Involved Shooting Involving Howard County Police Officers**

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a fatal shooting involving two Howard County Police Officers.

Members of the Howard County Police Department's Repeat Offenders Unit were in Frederick County this morning for a multi-jurisdictional investigation into a series of ongoing burglaries. The officers observed a burglary in-progress on Manor Drive in Mt. Airy and contacted the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. The Howard County Police Officers were instructed to conduct the traffic stop on the suspect's vehicle by Sheriff's Office authorities.

Preliminarily, during the initiation of the traffic stop, the suspect vehicle rammed a Howard County Police Vehicle on Penn Shop Road near RT 27 then drove towards officers that were out of their vehicle and two officers fired striking the suspect who is deceased. The investigation is in its infancy and updates will follow as new information arises.

Penn Shop Road is completely closed while the investigation of the scene continues and will be for some time. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office will be conducting the investigation.

No Officers were injured.